

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move the bill be advanced. What this bill as indicated by the committee statement was supported by the Board of Medical Examiners. The reason the Appropriations Committee introduced the legislation is that their fees were not anywhere near covering their cost of operation. They were an independent body and they had fairly heavy, at least as part of their proportionate cost for the operation of the agency. What the bill does is put it under the general umbrella of the Bureau of Board of Examiners so that the administrative costs of the operation of the Board of Psychologists is handled under that Bureau of Examining Boards will reduce the cost of their operation and allow them to continue to function without increases in their fees for a much longer period of time. They are in concurrence with it and I would move its advancement.

SENATOR CLARK: The Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator Warner, if I may so that I understand this a little bit better, at the moment and when they asked for licensing privileges it was the thrust of the bill at that time that it would not have a fiscal impact on the state but would be paid for by fees from the psychologists who asked that this be established. Right?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, and they will continue to pay their proportionate cost from the Bureau of Examining Boards for whatever that administrative level of expense is.

SENATOR MURPHY: But the balance of it will now be picked up by the state.

SENATOR WARNER: Will not?

SENATOR MURPHY: Will or will not?

SENATOR WARNER: Will not.

SENATOR MURPHY: This is not changing the funding in any way?

SENATOR WARNER: No.

SENATOR MURPHY: Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Let me say, Senator, several of these bills... as a general response to your question. One of the reasons we got involved in looking at a whole lot of these cash agencies, there have been some over the years which sought and acquired general fund money instead of adjusting fees and we have been attempting to eliminate many of those and some of